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NURSE PRACTITIONERS AND CERTIFIED NURSE MIDWIVES TREATING THE PATIENT AND NOW THEIR PARTNERS FOR CHLAMYDIA

Effective January 1, 2001, Senate Bill 648 signed into law by Governor Gray Davis, adds Chlamydia as a category of Venereal Disease in the Health and Safety Code. The Department of Health Services will provide regulations to implement the new law.

SB 648, Chapter 835 (Ortiz) amends Business and Professions Code, a nurse practitioner pursuant to Section 2836.1 and a certified nurse-midwife pursuant to Section 2746.51 may dispense, furnish, or otherwise provide prescription antibiotic drugs to the sexual partner or partners of a patient with a diagnosed sexually transmitted Chlamydia infection **without** examination of the patient's sexual partner or partners.

Available Resources: For guidelines and information regarding materials for patients and their partner, including revisions to the Health and Safety Code, and telephone numbers of local health departments, visit California Coalition's Web site at www.ucsf.edu/castd or call California Department of Health Services' STD Control Branch at (510) 540-2657.